

DINNER AT SANS SOUCI H. A. A C. ROAD RACE.

To Consul-General Shimamura of Japan. A General Spill by the Riders On the Way.

A JOLLY GOOD TIME ALL 'ROUND. SYLVESTER MAKES A WINNING

Champagne and Dainties—Speeches Made and Toasts Drank—Free From Politics—The Advancement of Japanese—Methods and Manners.

Sans Souci was a picture of Orientalism last night when Consul-General Shimamura was tendered a reception by fifty prominent Japanese merchants. The lawn was artistically decorated with Japanese lanterns. The dining-room was a reproduction of a room in a Japanese mansion.

Mr. Ozaki, president of the Japanese Union, made the address of welcome to the new consul-general. Mr. Shimamura was called upon and responded by a short speech, in which he thanked those present for the testimonial of their good fellowship in inviting him to dine with them so soon after his arrival. He felt that their interests had been well looked after by his predecessors, and that there was nothing left for him but to continue in the good way in which they had started. He was not surprised at the progress the Japanese had made here, because it was characteristic of the race. His Government had spent a vast amount of money in educating the young men of Japan in the modern arts and sciences. It had sent them to the four corners of the globe to learn the most modern methods of those branches which would assist them while at peace or war. The benefits of such teachings have been made manifest during the past ten years. Japan which, but a few years ago, was considered a weakling in the world of commerce is today numbered among the strong, and its products will be found in every market in the universe. Progress and Peace are the watchwords of Japan, and while you are citizens of that country, of which you may well feel proud, keep those two words ever before you. You are to progress in your business methods and in the arts and sciences. Do not feel that because our navy is reckoned with the great ones that it was built for the purpose of levying war on weaker or stronger nations. It was built to preserve peace. The education of the Japanese places the people of that nation in a position where they will command respect rather than court displeasure or ridicule. Your actions here, I am satisfied, have proven that, and I am sure the advancement in knowledge that our people have made will aid us materially in still further advancing until we reach the topmost round in the commercial ladder. I thank you, gentlemen, for the kind reception you have given me."

The banquet was an elaborate one and the toasts were numerous. Among those present were Consul-General Shimamura, ex-Consul Shimizu, Dr. Kozima, Dr. Uchida, Goro Narita, J. Takemura, B. Shimizu, G. Igarashi, J. Huga and H. Mizuma.

The festivities were over at nine o'clock.

Death of Mrs. William Foster.

Mrs. Mary Winter Foster died at the Colonial Hotel, Tuesday, November 5th. She was the wife of Judge William Foster and daughter of the late John S. and Mary M. Winter and sister of Mrs. E. R. Hendry of Honolulu, Alice Winter of Honolulu, Mrs. Albert Horner of Kukaia, John W. Winter of Honolulu and Frank L. Winter of Waimuku plantation. Mrs. Foster came to Honolulu from her home in Galesburg, Illinois, and was a teacher in the Fort-street school. In August, 1885, she was married to William Foster. In February last, owing to failing health, she left with her husband for San Francisco, making their home at the Colonial Hotel. In September last she was attacked with bronchial trouble, which resulted in heart and lung failure.

The funeral took place from Trinity Chapel, on Gough street, in San Francisco, at 11 a. m. on the 7th. Rev. George Wallace, formerly of Honolulu, conducting the services. The pall-bearers were W. J. Martin, J. A. Morrow, W. C. Parke, C. W. Ashford, F. G. Skafte and William Morris. In accordance with the wishes of the deceased she was cremated at the Odd Fellows' Cemetery in San Francisco.

In the much talked-of H. A. A. C. road race of Saturday afternoon, D. G. Sylvester crossed the finish line 13 minutes and 30 seconds after he left the beginning of the five-mile course. To some, the fact that Sylvester came out ahead with flying colors was a surprise, but there were many wise men who predicted success for him.

The race was full of incidents, mostly unfortunate, from beginning to end. Only two out of the nine men who started crossed the finish line without having had a spill somewhere on the road.

H. Espinda was the first man off and set out immediately to win the race. A. Giles and Harry Wilder were the next to get the starting push, spying Espinda, sails set, speeding away for Union Square, they made their wheels spin along and caught him outside Sans Souci. Espinda did not like it all and concluded he would spin along too, which he did until reaching the road to Beach Grove. His pushing powers had received too severe a tax, and Wilder and Giles went past him like fleeting shadows.

Then came Lishman, Paris, King, Sylvester, Giles and Angus from the start at pretty close intervals. King dove into the race in earnest and made after Paris, whom he caught at Sans Souci. The two together rode along until they reached Long Branch, when King took the lead. Paris hung to him like a bulldog and switched over to the right, determined to pass King, who turned in time to throw Paris to the ground.

King sped away leaving Paris far behind and caught up with H. Giles and Angus. The three traveled along for some distance together.

In the meantime Sylvester was gaining ground, passing the hind men like an arrow. When he saw the group of three just ahead, he shot out and very soon passed King, Giles and Wilder.

Lishman and A. Giles made after Sylvester when they saw his tactics and hung to him in good style. In some manner Sylvester's wheel wriggled and he half fell, throwing both Lishman and Giles. Sylvester was on his wheel and off in a jiffy, advancing far ahead of the fallen wheelmen.

Angus caught H. Giles at Beach Grove and the two came up with Paris who hung with them all the way to King street, when they overtook King and Wilder pacing along.

The trio were just in the act of passing the pair opposite Sam Parker's when an unfortunate accident occurred. A tramcar was going towards Waikiki. The horses became frightened and one of the animals shied touching Angus just hard enough to throw him to the ground, bruising him up considerably. H. Giles was in time to avoid it and sped along after Sylvester, leaving Angus behind.

When Angus fell he bumped into Paris, throwing him but he was on his wheel very soon and after Giles, but it was too late. Sylvester had too big a lead and won the race hands down, making a very pretty finish.

Following was the order of the wheelmen as they crossed the finish line: D. G. Sylvester, H. Giles, T. King, E. Paris, A. Giles, H. Wilder, H. Espinda and P. Lishman.

"Steer for the Church." Writing of his visit to the Tokolau, Ellise and Gilbert Groups, Captain Hore, of the mission yacht John Williams, says: Very striking was the fact that at every one of these islands the most prominent object on approach is a large white church or schoolhouse (and most of them on closer inspection are spacious and substantial buildings), and perhaps no safer "sailing directions" could be given, for a stranger visiting all these islands than to say, "steer for the church and look out for the pastor coming off in his canoe to give you further instruction."—Auckland Herald.

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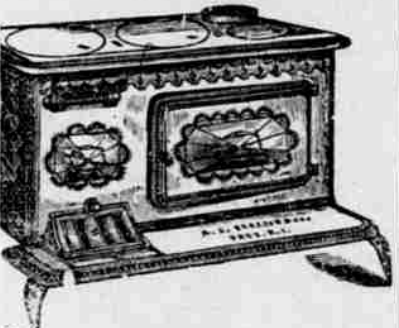
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